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 - a. a full or partial English language translation submitted herewith,
 - b. a foreign patent office search report (in the Japanese language), submitted herewith indicating the degree of relevance of the cited references,

- c. the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page,
 - d. the concise explanation set forth in the attached English language abstract,
 - e. the concise explanation set forth below or on a separate sheet attached to the reference:
5. A foreign patent office search report citing one or more of the references is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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